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S 0312 General Bill, By Leatherman, Ravenel, Martin, Grooms, Giese, Ryberg, Hayes and Waldrep

Summary: Video poker payouts, State-run lottery, referendum by voters, Elections, Gambling, Taxation, Coin-operated devices

A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR A STATEWIDE REFERENDUM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1999, TO DETERMINE IF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE FAVOR A STATE-RUN LOTTERY WITH THE PROCEEDS USED TO IMPROVE EDUCATION AND WHETHER THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE FAVOR MAKING VIDEO POKER GAMBLING ILLEGAL AND TO MAKE VIDEO POKER GAMBLING ILLEGAL IF A MAJORITY "YES" VOTE IS CERTIFIED ON THAT QUESTION AND TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSE OF MAKING VIDEO POKER GAMBLING ILLEGAL UNDER THAT CIRCUMSTANCE BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12-21-2710, AS AMENDED, 12-21-2712, 12-21-2720, AS AMENDED, AND 12-21-2726, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COIN-OPERATED MACHINES OR DEVICES, SO AS TO EXTEND THE PROHIBITION ON SLOT MACHINES AND OTHER MACHINES OR DEVICES PERTAINING TO GAMES OF CHANCE TO VIDEO GAMES WITH A FREE PLAY FEATURE OR ANY OTHER COIN-OPERATED MACHINE OR DEVICE USED FOR GAMBLING, TO EXTEND THE SEIZURE AND DESTRUCTION PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO GAMES OF CHANCE TO THESE EXPANDED PROHIBITIONS, TO CONFORM EXISTING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR COIN-OPERATED MACHINES AND DEVICES TO THESE EXPANDED PROHIBITIONS AND TO DELETE REFERENCES TO PROVISIONS OF LAW REPEALED BY THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-54-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO TAX CRIMES AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE OFFENSE OF OPERATING AN UNMETERED VIDEO GAME WITH A FREE PLAY FEATURE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 16-19-40 AND 16-19-50, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF GAMBLING, SO AS TO EXTEND THESE OFFENSES SPECIFICALLY TO PLAYING OR MAINTAINING ANY LICENSED COIN-OPERATED MACHINE OR DEVICE USED FOR GAMBLING PURPOSES; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 12-21-2703, 16-19-60, AND ARTICLE 20, CHAPTER 21 OF TITLE 12, RELATING RESPECTIVELY TO THE RETAIL LICENSE REQUIREMENT FOR A LOCATION WITH VIDEO GAMES WITH A FREE PLAY FEATURE, THE EXEMPTION OF VIDEO GAMES WITH A FREE PLAY FEATURE FROM THE GAMBLING OFFENSES, AND THE VIDEO GAMES MACHINES ACT; AND TO PROVIDE SPECIAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REFERENDUM AND FOR ITS RESCHEDULING IF TIMELY PRECLEARANCE IS NOT OBTAINED.

- 01/14/99 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-6**
- 01/14/99 Senate Referred to Committee on Finance SJ-6**
- 01/27/99 Senate Recalled from Committee on Finance SJ-41**
- 01/27/99 Senate Amended SJ-41**
- 01/27/99 Senate Second reading failed SJ-41**